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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:


1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. Return Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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